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REMARKS

Entry of the present Second Preliminary Amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. This Amendment is being presented to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention, to correct typographical errors, and to provide further clarity in view of the Preliminary Amendment already submitted. No new matter is being added.

Claim 2 is being amended to recite an embodiment of the invention in which the process is carried out in the presence of a hydrogen gas, and to make clear that the embodiment in which a hydrogen gas is present is separate from the embodiments in which a hydrogen atom donor is present. This claim introduces no new matter and is being made for clarity. Claim 3 is being amended to delete redundant subject matter.

Claims that were dependent from claims 1, 2 or 3 (i.e., claims 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17) are now dependent only from claims 1 or 2, since claim 3 recites a specific embodiment of the processes recited in claims 1 and 2.

New claims 30-32 recite separately the subject matter that was originally recited in claims 2 and 3. New claim 30 adds to the subject matter of claim 1 the recitation that the catalyst is a glyoximato-based cobalt chain transfer catalyst. New claim 31 recites that the catalyst is selected from hydrogen bridged bisglyoximato ligands. New claim 32 recites that the process is carried out in the presence of an electron donor.

Claims 28 and 29 are being amended to correct typographical errors.

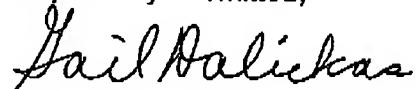
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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of claims 1 through 3e are patentable and in condition for allowance. Accordingly, in view of the foregoing and the previously filed Preliminary Amendment, examination and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. If there are remaining issues to be resolved prior to examination of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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